

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on February 15, 2002

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Brenda Gaynor, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the second-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of January 29, 2002: Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following CLECs submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension:

3019 - OneStar Long Distance, Inc.

2621 - MC WorldCom Communications

2618 - AT&T Communications of New England, Inc.

2472 - Sprint Communications

3028 - Qwest Communications Corp.

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

The following Competitive Switchless Resellers (CSRs) submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension:

2262(C12) – RDST, Inc.

2262(W1) - National Accounts, Inc.

2262(Y4) - Verizon Select Services, Inc.

2262(D5) - ITC DeltaCom Communications, Inc.

2262(E2) - Teleconnect Long Distance Services

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

The following CSRs ceased operations and requested that their authorization to operate be rescinded:

2262(J1) – CenturyTel Communications.

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to rescind their registration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3414 – Verizon Rhode Island: The Company submitted a tariff filing to add wording to the tariff to clarify the application of the Access Line Discount associated with Corporate Rewards. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

3245 – Verizon Rhode Island: VRI submitted an amendment to the interconnection agreement entered with AT&T Wireless Services. The Division has reviewed the amendment and recommends approval. After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3401 – New England Gas Co. (Southern Union New England): The Commission reviewed and discussed the United Steel Workers of America, Local 12431 Motion for Leave to Intervene and the objection filed by New England Gas.

After discussion, the Commission found that it would be in the best interest to grant the Local 12431's motion on such ground that the Division would not necessarily represent the interests of the Local 12431 members. Local 12431 would represent a group of individuals whose employment and wages would be affected by the rate case. The Division and Local 12431 could have differing perspectives and interests in the rate case. For instance, Local 12431 could focus on the reduction of non-personnel costs in the rate case. The Commission also felt that it would be in the public interest to allow Local 12431 to intervene because they could focus on issues relating to safe and reliable service to customers. Additionally, the Local 12341 asserted that it would adhere to the procedural schedule and not delay the proceeding. Commissioner Racine found the motion of the Local 12341 to be appropriate and moved to grant the motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

There being no further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.